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introducer, if he or she moves too quickly to invoke cloture, that at that time, that individual may find out that he or she has no strength whatsoever for that bill and someone is going to pop up and move to indefinitely postpone which is not subject to cloture and that bill can be killed and I think that in itself will be a very healthy thing for this Legislature because we might kill some bills that are lingering on and ought to be dead anyway. For that reason I strongly urge you to vote for this rule change.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, as Senator Newell said, this is one of the worst things to come before this Legislature. I can understand Senator Luedtke anxious to push and hurry and rush things through, but you saw what happened when you went along with his procedure on the Committees this time. Hurry, hurry, hurry. The public had no opportunity to come and present their testimony. The committees had no adequate opportunity to have decent hearings so you have seen what happens when you forget the substance of the legislative function and look at the mere appearance. I can understand him wanting to go out in a blaze of glory like a skyrocket and fly since he is the Speaker and this is his last term here, but as Senator Cullan pointed out, some of the rural people are going to find themselves in a minority when the reapportionment occurs so you ought to think and realize what the purpose of the rules of the Legislature are. They are to prevent individuals and groups from forming coalitions and steamrolling through issues without adequate debate or discussion. Products liability in which Senator DeCamp and others have a great interest is an example. With the large number who have signed it, all that any one of those twenty nine or how many have to do is stand up when the bill is read and say, I move for cloture. That means that there is no adequate explanation of the bill, no opportunity to offer amendments, it just ramrods through. Perhaps they learned from Senator Schmit's windfall in terms of donations when he pushed the medical malpractice bill, but it's ironic how short Senator Luedtke's memory is because he said to the news media, that had I not had the perseverance, the endurance and the heart to try to singlehandedly defeat that bill and offer amendment after amendment and force discussion, it would have been a far worse bill than it turned out to be. That is what he said and it was an agonizing experience. Had there been more Senators, instead of sitting in the background watching, having actually participated, I wouldn't have had to try to do it singlehandedly, but this is a one House Legislature. There is no opportunity for bills to go to a second House for additional consideration. It must all be done here. If Senator Luedtke and Senator DeCamp and others can form coalitions to ramrod things through, let them try to do it under the present rules. It is an election year. I can see a lot of people expecting to reap much benefit and profit from the products liability bill. I've already said that my intention is to see that it is adequately discussed and I'll have amendments to offer, but I want the public to see that rather than have adequate debate and have the Legislative function proceed properly, Senator DeCamp and others want to enact a rule they call cloture, but it really is a gag rule and he knows it. When you have principles, you often find yourself in a minority position because the issues you bring up cause a reevaluation and a rethinking of things which have been taken for granted.